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Claim Amendments:

1. (currently amended) A method for the treatment of arthritis comprising administering to a subject suffering from arthritis a composition comprising a function blocking antibody or a fragment of said antibody, capable of binding an epitope of VLA-1, wherein the epitope ~~comprises~~ consists of the amino ~~acid~~ acids Val-Gln-Arg-Gly-Gly-Arg (SEQ ID NO:8) or equivalents thereof, or naturally occurring variants thereto, ~~residues 91-96 of Figure 15 (SEQ ID NO:8)~~, and wherein the function blocking antibody or a fragment thereof is administered to the subject in ~~an amount~~ a dosage of between about 10 mg to about 250 mg administered over a dosing period of between about one to about seven days ~~effective~~ to provide a decrease in arthritic score of about 65% or greater when compared to a control antibody treated subject.

2. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the decrease in arthritic score is about 79% or greater.

3. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the decrease in arthritic score is about 85% or greater.

4. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the decrease in arthritic score is about 90% or greater.

5. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the antibody is monoclonal.

6. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the subject is a human.

7. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A method according to claim 1, wherein the subject suffers from rheumatoid arthritis.